

# PROP 1A TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROTECTION. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. ★ ★ ★

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1A

### YES ON PROPOSITION 1A: USE EXISTING GAS TAXES FOR ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

In 2002, California voters made their commitment to California roads a priority by passing Proposition 42. Voters said they wanted their gas taxes spent on making roads and highways safer and less congested. But a loophole in the law has made it easy—too easy—for the politicians to use those funds for other purposes. In the last three years, nearly \$2.5 billion has been siphoned away from road and highway projects—bringing critical safety and congestion relief projects to a halt.

### YES ON 1A STOPS OUR EXISTING GAS TAXES FROM BEING USED FOR OTHER PROJECTS

Proposition 1A closes the loophole in the law and ensures that the gas taxes you *already* pay are spent only on transportation projects benefiting California's 20 million drivers.

### YES ON 1A BUILDS NEW ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

California currently has the most congested roads in the nation and our streets and highways are in major disrepair. Drivers spend \$20.7 billion in extra fuel each year and 500,000 hours stuck in traffic every day because of our overcrowded roads. Prop. 1A ensures a stable source of long-term funding to get urgently needed transportation improvement projects off the drawing board, allowing engineers to:

- Make traffic safety improvements
- Repair the most dangerous sections of state highways
- Reduce congestion on major freeways
- Widen freeways to prevent bottlenecks
- Complete our network of carpool lanes
- Fix neglected streets and roads
- Improve public transit

### YES ON 1A MEANS A STRONGER ECONOMY

California's economy depends on a first-rate transportation system (something we used to have). Without a major emphasis on improving our infrastructure so we can move people and goods throughout the state, our economic future will suffer.

### YES ON 1A: PART OF A LONG-TERM PLAN TO REBUILD CALIFORNIA

Proposition 1A is part of the Rebuild California Plan, the first comprehensive infrastructure plan in 40 years. The plan uses the taxes we're already paying to build the roads, housing, schools, and water systems we need to sustain our economy and our quality of life for the long-term.

### REBUILD CALIFORNIA: YES ON 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1E

California's population will reach 50 million in the next 20 years—twice what our current infrastructure was designed for—and it can't be rebuilt overnight. That's why we've got to start now.

To learn more about how this infrastructure plan will benefit you and your community, visit [www.ReadForYourself.org](http://www.ReadForYourself.org).

### YES ON 1A: ENSURE EXISTING GAS TAX DOLLARS ARE USED TO IMPROVE CALIFORNIA'S ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS

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## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1A

Excellent public schools and universities have made California the "Golden State." Education is the engine that drives California's economy.

*Proposition 1A removes Education from being the top budget priority!*

The People passed Proposition 42 with *exceptions* for drastic times. *It currently takes 2/3 of the Legislature and the Governor to agree to borrow gasoline taxes.*

Some say \$2.5 billion has been "siphoned off" the gasoline taxes. The borrowed money is being repaid *with interest*. *And, the "Rebuild California Plan" will not be affected if Proposition 1A is defeated.*

You must *Vote "NO" on Proposition 1A* unless you believe there will never again be a recession in California.

You must *Vote "NO" on Proposition 1A* unless you know there will never again be a sizeable earthquake, flood, levee break, or fire in California that requires a quick response to save lives and property.

You must *Vote "NO" on Proposition 1A* unless you think that emergency rooms, hospitals, and trauma centers will never again need to have funding priority.

And, you must *Vote "NO" on Proposition 1A* unless you think it was OK to *withhold \$2 billion* from the minimum guarantee to our K–12 schools and to continue to *raise student fees* at our state colleges and universities. *These terrible cuts to education would have been much worse if Proposition 1A had been in effect.*

For our children, for our economy, and to make sure that we can continue to deal with the aftermath of disasters, *Vote "NO" on Proposition 1A.*

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